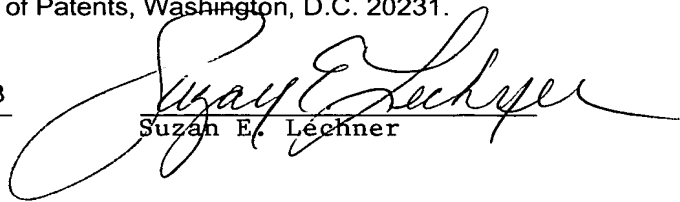




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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action of January 10, 2003, please amend this Application as follows. As required, the amended claims are presented in the form of rewritten Claims in clean form, to replace the Claims to be amended, and a marked-up version of such Claims is appended hereto to show the changes made. Also enclosed herewith is a Petition for Extension of Time, extending the period for response for one month, until May 10, 2003, and the fee relative to such petition. It is believed that no further fees are due as a result of the present amendment, but if any such additional fees are deemed necessary, please charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 10-0849.